

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Richard W. Gross et al. :
Serial No.: 10/606,601 : Art Unit: 1743
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For: MOLECULAR FINGERPRINTING OF
TRIGLYCERIDES IN BIOLOGICAL
SAMPLES BY ELECTROSPRAY
IONIZATION TANDEM MASS
SPECTROMETRY

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The following comments are in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability dated September 20, 2007.

Applicant believes that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance is improper as reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear the Examiner's reasons for allowing a claim or claims (see 37 CFR §1.104(e)). In the present case, Applicant believes the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, Applicant does not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance and does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's interpretation of the teachings of the cited art.

Respectfully Submitted,



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